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**Student Section of
The American Agricultural Economics
Association**

2000 SS-AAEA Business Meeting
August 1,
Tampa Convention Center

President Jay Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 2 PM. The first item of business was announcement of awards.

The amendment to the constitution that was proposed at the executive meeting in San Francisco was presented to the assembly for approval. The amendment changed the annual dues from \$15 to \$20 and eliminated the charter fee of \$5 every five years.

Next the officers for the 2000-2001 were elected. The results are as follows:

President-Erin Fujan
Western VP-Justin Cambra
Northeast VP-Jason Murphy
Southern VP-Chrissy Wemmer
North Central VP-Cindy Boston
Canadian VP-Jen Brown
Secretary/Treasurer-Kelli Myers
Newsletter Editor-Lacey Madden
Journal Editor-Eric Pendergrass
Freshman Advisor-Phillip Johnson

The meeting was turned over to new President Erin Fujan who asked if there was any additional business. The meeting was then adjourned and the new officers stayed to have their pictures taken.

2000 SS-AAEA Executive Meeting
August 2, 2000
Tampa Convention Center

President Fujan called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. All of the new officers were introduced and a description of the vice presidential duties was given. It was announced that the Winter Planning Meeting would be held January 7th in New Orleans.

The idea of providing groups with a test bank of questions was discussed. It was mentioned that questions from 3 or 4 years ago could be given out.

The next item of business was discussing ideas for a new competition. The ideas presented are as follows:

- *Business Simulation Game, similar to Southern States Coop; Possibly yearlong competition over the internet.

- *The possibility of tying a competition to the creative club award.

The officers were asked for ideas for a memorial for Dr. Partick Byrne. Two ideas were presented. They were naming the Creative Club Award after him and creating a traveling trophy with his name engraved on it.

It was brought to everyone's attention that students need access to the handbook so they know that there are cash awards and can learn about the competitions.

Seeing that there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Paper Competition Guideline

Additional information can be found on the AAEA website.

Undergraduate Student Paper Session 2000 SS-AAEA Annual Meeting

Papers by undergraduate students are being solicited for presentation at the AAEA Annual Meeting to be held in Tampa, Florida. Undergraduates may submit papers for possible presentation in the special sessions designated for undergraduate students. Students who choose to participate in the sessions should follow the rules listed below. All participants must be members of chartered chapters of the Student Section of AAEA. Those graduating before June of the year of the meeting must enclose, with their submission sheet, a letter from their advisor guaranteeing that ALL the work/analysis and a MAJORITY of the paper was completed before the student graduated.

I. Papers

The topic should be related to Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Natural Resources, or Environmental Economics. This is a broad area and includes production, finance, marketing, and policy problems.

A. The Written Paper

1. LENGTH: The paper shall be no more than 15 typed pages, double-spaced. This includes tables, figures, references, and appendices. Title page, abstract and acknowledgements page are excluded from this page limitation. This limitation will be enforced.
2. ABSTRACT: A 200-word abstract and title of the paper shall be typed on a separate page and shall immediately follow the title page. Author's name(s) should appear on the title page only.
3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE: On a separate page, the author shall reference any person or material used in the development of the paper. The author should specifically describe the extent of the assistance or reliance utilized.
4. FORM: The paper should follow the conventions established by the American Journal of Agricultural Economics and should address:
 - a. Statement of the problem
 - b. Objectives

- c. Methods
 - d. Results or findings and discussion
 - e. Conclusions
5. **EVALUATION:** Evaluation of the written paper will be made prior to the meeting by two or three professional agricultural economists. The written paper will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:
- a. Statement of the problem and objectives (20%)
 - b. Proper use of economic concepts (20%)
 - c. Logic and conceptualization (10%)
 - d. Conclusions and implications drawn from the analysis (20%)
 - e. Writing system and clarity of presentation (20%)
 - f. Evidence of student creativity and originality (10%)
6. **FORMAT:** Students submitting an intention to present a paper will be sent specific guidelines that should be followed for the written copy. The guidelines can be found in the American Journal of Agricultural Economics. Examples of SS-AAEA papers are in the Agricultural Economics Journal of Student Papers.
7. **WEIGHT:** The score received on the written paper will represent 60 percent of the total score for each student.

B. Oral Presentations

The oral presentation will be judged during the scheduled session for undergraduate papers at the annual summer meeting only. Judges for the oral presentations will be different than those judging the written paper evaluations. They will not see the written papers or their evaluations before the oral presentation. Abstracts will be made available to the judges before the presentation.

- 1. **ORDER OF PRESENTATION:** Papers will be randomly drawn for order of presentation. If a student is also competing in the Academic Bowl, every effort will be made to avoid conflicts. A student is expected to present his/her paper at the time indicated in the program.
- 2. **TIME:** Each student will be allowed 12 minutes for an oral presentation at the meeting. Each student will be signaled at the end of 10 minutes and again at 12 minutes. Penalties for exceeding 12 minutes will be:
 - a. 12 – 13 minutes (1%)
 - b. 13 – 14 minutes (5%)
 - c. 14 + minutes (10%)
- 3. **QUESTIONS:** Each judge will be requested to ask one or two questions of each student.

4. **JUDGING:** Evaluation of the oral presentation will be judged using the following criteria:
 - a. Economic content (30%)
 - b. Organization of material (15%)
 - c. Communication skills (25%)
 - d. Ability to respond to questions (20%)
 - e. Evidence of student creativity and originality (10%)
5. **WEIGHT:** The score received on the presentation will represent 40 percent of the total score possible for each student.

II. Deadline for Submission of Statement of Intent and Final Papers

- A. **STATEMENT OF INTENT:** Each student must submit a Statement of Intent to present a paper by April 15, 2000. This statement is to include a tentative title. The form for this statement is in the Appendix (page 29).
- B. **SUBMISSION OF PAPER:** Five copies of the final paper and diskette must be postmarked by June 15, 2000. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Authors must submit papers in either Microsoft Word, or WordPerfect format. Please indicate on the submitted disk the type of software that was used.
- C. **ACCEPTANCE OF PAPERS:** All students with accepted papers for written judging will be expected to give an oral presentation at the AAEA annual meeting. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30, 2000.
- D. **AWARD:** The first place recipient will receive a \$200 cash award.

Guidelines for the Creative Club Award

The SS-AAEA wanted to design a competition that required minimal effort, but allowed chapters to showcase something special that they had done, without constructing the entire Outstanding Chapter Award. What we came up with was the Creative Club Award. To be considered for this award, please submit a one-page description of some creative idea or project your club has participated in. By summarizing the event and presenting it to the SS-AAEA, other chapters will be able to get ideas of how to take on new projects and what has worked out well for others.

Requirements for the one page application:

- 1) Summarize the creative idea.
- 2) Explain how it was implemented.
- 3) Highlight the results of implementing the creative idea.
- 4) Offer any suggestions you have come up with to improve upon your creative idea.

The entries will be available for all members to read at the summer meeting, and then, during the business meeting, members will vote for the best Creative Club. The winner will be presented with a plaque and will receive a check for \$200. Since this is a new competition, any application format that you choose is acceptable. Please feel free to include any supporting documents or pictures that you feel are necessary. School of the winning team will receive a check for \$200 dollars.

GUIDELINES FOR THE

SS-AAEA OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

The SS-AAEA wants to help local chapters have meaningful programs. One way to do this is to share what chapters at other colleges and universities are doing. You will help us if you participate in the Outstanding Chapter Contest. This is an excellent opportunity for your club to gain national recognition and to let your peers know what fine work you are doing. If your club is named the Outstanding Chapter, your club will receive a \$200 cash award and a personalized club plaque.

Judging for outstanding chapter will be based upon the following areas:

1. **CLUB GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Each club is expected to have established goals/objectives for the year. Judging will be based upon the goals established as well as the methods used to achieve them.

Example:

Goal: To have an informative program on agricultural activities within your state.

Methods used: Faculty and agricultural leaders were asked to speak at club meetings.
Events were publicized through posters and class announcements.
About XX students attended the five lectures held.

2. **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT:** The viability of an organization is based upon its membership. Each club will be judged on its recruitment activities and the effectiveness of these activities.
3. **ACTIVITIES:** Clubs are expected to fill the needs of their students. Judges will be looking for a well-rounded program, including educational, social and fundraising activities. Although these activities will primarily be on the local level, please indicate participation in regional activities and SS-AAEA activities at the national level. For instance, if your chapter participated in the Academic Bowl or Undergraduate Student Paper Competition in Nashville, or if your chapter has a member who is currently a national officer, please indicate that on your information form.

To be considered for Outstanding Chapter award, four copies of your entry should be typed, bound or stapled, and submitted on 8-1/2 x 11-inch standard paper with a cover page. The form on pages 31-32 is provided for your convenience; any supporting material should be attached to the form. The report should summarize the activities of the club and be organized into separate categories. All chapters submitting an application must be chartered and current in dues.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION STUDENT SECTION ACADEMIC BOWL 2000

The Academic Bowl Contest allows undergraduate students to test their basic knowledge of agricultural economics. The tournament is set up to allow each team to play at least two games. Teams consist of no more than three players and only two teams may enter from any single institution. The team with the last correct answer selects a category from the board. A question and the point value, selected by the computer, are projected for the students, audience and judges to see. After the question is read by the moderator, the first team to press the buzzer can attempt to answer the question. If the team answers the question correctly, it earns the question's point value. If the team answers incorrectly, the point value is subtracted from the team's score and the other team can choose to attempt to answer the question. The team with the highest point total when time expires wins the match. This is a student club activity. Faculty advisor involvement in the bowl competition should be limited to judging and moderating at the national competition.

SS-AAEA advisors typically moderate and two faculty judges have final say as to whether a question is correctly answered. All questions are short answer.

The questions are divided into eight categories:

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| ✓ Microeconomics | ✓ Resources/Policy |
| ✓ Macroeconomics | ✓ Agricultural Business/Finance |
| ✓ Marketing | ✓ Management |
| ✓ Quantitative | ✓ Potpourri |

The Academic Bowl Software may be downloaded from the SS-AAEA homepage:
<http://www.aaea.org/student-section/student.htm>

The software will provide a sample set of questions. Questions from the official SS-AAEA competition are not distributed, but practice round questions can be provided (contact your regional Vice President).

Specific rules for the competition include:

1. A team will typically consist of three members from the same school. The same team members must compete in all rounds of the competition, i.e., substitutions and additions are not permitted. Students from different schools can form a team for the Academic Bowl if there are not enough students from either school attending the meeting to form a team. At least two team members must be from the same institution to determine how the prizes will be awarded. Any decisions about two member teams or related issues will be up to the discretion of the SS-AAEA advisors. Inquiries regarding such teams should be directed to Dr. Larry Makus at the address below.
2. **All participants must be members of chartered chapters of the Student Section of the AAEA. Students who have completed post-baccalaureate classes are not eligible.**

3. A school may register a maximum of two teams in the competition.
4. The entry fee (\$25 per team of three, maximum of two teams/ \$10 per additional alternate) and registration form (see page 30) for each team are due on or before **April 15, 2000** to:
5. Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams in the competition. In addition, \$500 will be awarded to the first place team's chapter.